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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Call From Mr. Donald F. Simpson, Assistant
Secretary for Administration, HEW, on 8 June 1966

1. Mr. Simpson called the undersigned this morning to ask whether there had been any progress in finding a place for the HEW NIS unit. I advised him that I had discussed the matter with Census, and that they were now considering it.


2. Mr. Simpson asked when we thought we would get an answer, adding that if Census doesn't accept the unit, HEW would have to RIF the personnel and that a RIF requires a 30-day notice to the individual. I told him that the Census people hope to meet with their Director today to discuss the matter.*

3. Mr. Simpson asked whether CIA could fund a RIF if we had to go through with one. He explained that a RIF requires at least a 30-day notice, and that even at this time the 30-day period would run over the 30 June deadline. By the time it could be put into effect, it would probably involve about a month's salary for the unit, plus payment for accumulated annual leave, which would probably be considerable since there are so many old-timers in the group. I replied that I did not know if we could fund a RIF, and Mr. Simpson said that they (HEW) didn't have any money to fund one.

4. Mr. Simpson then asked about the possibilities of having the Department of Defense take it over, commenting that DoD had a "big intelligence factory". I explained that DIA doesn't cover the sociological field -- it comes to CIA for this type of information.

5. Mr. Simpson asked that I call him tonight or tomorrow, adding that he hated to start a RIF, but that he had to do something soon. I told him that I would give him a call as soon as we heard anything.

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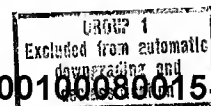

JAMES A. BRAMMELL
Director of Basic Intelligence

*Mr. Myers, Bureau of the Census, subsequently called to report that a favorable position by Census was likely, but that a final decision was not possible pending a discussion with the Director of the Bureau scheduled for tomorrow, 9 June.

cc: Ex. Dir-Comptroller
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